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Linda Moulton-Patterson, *Chairperson*  
CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD  
P.O. Box 4025  
Sacramento, CA 95812-4025

**RE: CITY OF GARDENA MEMBERSHIP – LOS ANGELES REGIONAL AGENCY**

Dear Ms. Moulton-Patterson:

The Los Angeles Area Regional Agency ("LARA") is scheduled for review, and hopefully approval by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (the "Board"), at its upcoming January 2004 meeting. The City of Gardena remains in support of the approval of this regional agency.

The purpose of this letter is to notify the members of the Board of the City's intent to withdraw from initial membership in LARA. This notice of intent to withdraw is subject to ratification of my action by the City Council of the City of Gardena at our upcoming City Council meeting on January 13, 2004.

While it is the City's intent to withdraw at this time, we fully anticipate becoming an active "charter" member of LARA in the near future. We believe that the City's withdrawal at this time enables us to deal separately with the issues specific to the City and at the same time not adversely impact the Board's consideration of a regional agency which we believe is appropriate for the area.

Again, the City of Gardena fully supports the approval of LARA and encourages the Board to approve the Los Angeles Area Regional Agency. In the meantime, the City is diligently and actively working on each task of our Plan to ensure full implementation of diversion programs in compliance with the Board's Order.

Very truly yours,

MITCHELL G. LANSDELL  
City Manager

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